

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Serial No. _____ 09/727,524 entitled "An XML-Based Textual Specification For Rich-Media Content Creation - Systems, Methods And Program Products", filed _____, March 29, 2001 (SOM9-2000-0010/1963-7399), assigned to the same assignee as that of the present invention and fully incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 12, and continuing to page 8, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Fig. 3, the server 16, typically an IBM Apache web server, is linked through a network 19 to other content creation stations 14¹... 14n. An authoring Graphical User Interface (GUI) 31 interacts with a kernel library 32, compression/decompression library 33, and processor programs 34 including an XML interpreter 35, a content manager 36, and a multi threaded re-entrant data link library 37. The processor programs 34 interact with a script/batch tool 38. The kernel library includes a server side MVR authoring tool which takes an XML specification along with raw media data or compressed media data as input to create a corresponding MVR-XML file. The codec library provides compression and decompression for the MVR-XML file. The script/ batch tool 38 takes a template file prepared by an author and fills the template with actual data length provided the user to create the MVR-XML file. The service side content injection program 36 allows the user to add more information including non-media (business) to the MVR-XML file. The multi-threaded, re-entrant data link library 36 37 enables the authoring session manager 17 (see Fig. 1) to multiplex creators/users (not shown) linked through the network 19 to access the MVR files on the disk 14.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 4 describes an electronic XML template 40 prepared by a creator/user for incorporating an MVR-XML file in the creation of executable Rich Media Content on a multimedia player. The

template is populated by embedding dynamic variables or tags 42 and flow directives 43 in documents, the variables and flow directives comprising, at least in part, one or more names of raw Rich Media assets stored in the MVR-XML file. Any number of variables and flow directives may be placed within a template. The variables and flow directives may be embedded anywhere in the template including within the text, within XML tags and within other flow directives. The placement of one flow directive within another results in a nested flow directive structure. The template 40 is translated into a string table 44 comprising sets of variables for related Rich Media assets to be linked together as Rich Media Content. A populated template for an MVR-XML file is stored in the server and accessible by users coupled to the network. Alternatively, the template 40 and the string table 44 are inputted to the batch processing program 38 (See Fig. 3) which combines the various XML specifications 45, i.e. XML1, XML2, XMLn with the stored Rich Media Assets 13 to create an edited or composed MVR file 47^{1, 2...n} executable on the multimedia player.